

WOOD SPLINTERS

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A Message from Our President

The good news is Winter is finally done but the bad news is the yard work is just It's been a busy month (not even counting all the yard work) so I'm sure much to everyone's relief, this month's will be a short presidential message. Or not.

By the time you're reading this, the Fox Chapel (WOOD CARVING ILLUSTRATED) Open House will have come and gone but right now I'm getting together about 160 5-minute owl (also known as the 5-bandaid owl) blanks that we'll be demonstrating there. (We're teaming up with the Lancaster club for this.) The weather should be good so there'll probably be a huge turnout. We should have pictures for the next newsletter.

Speaking of the Lancaster Carvers, immediately following their 2016 show (March 12 & 13, 2016) they will be hosting a 3-day carver roundup. They'll be bringing in four featured carving instructors and students will spend the three full days with one instructor. The instructors are: Bob Stadlander \$185/3 days-apx, Cathy Overcash \$145/3 days, Dennis and Susan Thorton cost TBD, and our own Jim Hiser \$110/3 days. Cathy is a nationally known bark carver, probably one of the best in the country. We are all probably familiar with the rest. Details are still being worked out but Andy DiPace (717-394-2262) is now taking deposits.

If you missed our April meeting, you missed a great program put on by Bill Peoples (of Pennsylvania Gourd Society and Northeast Woodcarving Roundup fame). Everything you could possibly want to know about gourds and gourd carving (gourd growing, gourd cleaning, gourd burning, gourd buying, gourd painting--everything). Bill's doing a class for us in June but unfortunately, it's been long filled up. However, if you still want a gourd class, the Pennsylvania Gourd Society is having its annual festival in Lebanon, June 18, 19, & 20. www.pagourdsociety.org. More classes that you can ever imagine.

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Show Meeting:

May 17; 1 pm

Next Meeting:

May 17; 2pm

Program:

Knife Making

By Cliff Rosborough

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Also in April, we had a club table at the Yorkcarvers show. It was a nice show and we finally got a chance to get to know some of their members that we only had a nodding acquaintance with. Plus we got to pass out some fliers for our upcoming show.

Speaking of up our show, it's only a little more than 5 months away. Our next show meeting is at 1:00 Sunday, May 18, 2015—just before our regular meeting. If you would like to help out, you would sure be welcome. Our publicity committee could use an extra hand because right now because this is when we should be getting notices in the carving magazines and other media plus checking our sign inventory. I believe our publicity chairman (Rick Baker) could probably use some assistance in finishing up the CHIP-CHATS article about last year's show that has to be submitted next month. Equally important, we're looking for a show assistant chair to take over some of the show responsibilities from Kyle. (Kyle, if I understand his facebook page correctly, is having Mickey Mouse move in with him around October.)

Don't forget—we're doing the Friendship Cane again this year. The blanks are ready and waiting for your carving so pick one up at the next meeting.

Linda has just about finished up the Jesus at the Gate long term Tuesday night project (the ones I saw look pretty good) so she's ready to get back to her regular schedule. We have some open dates so if you'd like teach a project, let Linda know.

MORE IMPORTANT STUFF FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

May 8 & 9 (Fri & Sat) Fox Chapel Open House.

May 12 (Tue) 6:30 Planning Meeting EBACC

May 18 (Sun) 1:00 Show Meeting

2:00 Regular Meeting—The program will feature Cliff Rosborough discussing his knife making and sharpening techniques.

IMPORTANT: Because of Vic Hood's class, we'll be meeting upstairs at the EBCC

Dave Parker

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

May
Knife Making
Cliff Rosborough

Newsletter Guidelines

Please have all information to Kyle for the newsletter by the 1st of each month so that the newsletter can get out by the 5th of each month. Also, if you have any suggestions or ideas to make our newsletter better, contact Kyle, conewagocarvers92@gmail.com or 717-676-7612.



2015 SEMINARS

Realistic Bust - Vic Hood

May 16, 17, 18

\$200, plus materials - **FULL - Waiting List**

Caricature - Pete LeClair

June 5, 6, 7

\$150 - **FULL - Waiting List**

Gourd Carving - Bill Peoples

June 27

\$35 - **FULL - Waiting List**

Female Face - Janet Cordell

July 31, August 1 & 2

\$200, plus materials

2 openings

Caricatures - Chris Hammack

August 8 & 9

\$165, plus materials

FULL - Waiting List

Caricature - Dave Stetson

September 25, 26, 27

\$175, plus materials

FULL - Waiting List

Holiday Bark House - Bob Hershey

October 3 & 4

\$65, plus materials

FULL - Waiting List

Santa - Dave Parker

October 10

\$35, plus materials

6 openings

Caricature - Floyd Rhadigan

October 26, 27, 28

\$175, plus materials

3 openings

Seminar Policy

Please note that a fifty-percent deposit is required at sign-up for all seminars. The remaining fifty-percent is due thirty days prior to the class. Because we must make a firm commitment to our instructors, the deposit is non-refundable unless there is a waiting list or you are able to have someone fill your space in the class. Seminars are filled on a first come basis. If a class is full, your name will be placed on a waiting list. To sign-up for a particular seminar, please contact Jim Hiser by phone (717.243.0644) or email (hiser@pa.net). Your space in the class will be held for one week. If you have not made your deposit after one week, you will be removed from the class list and your space in the class will be made available to other interested members.

Please make all deposit checks payable to —Conewago Carvers



TUESDAY NIGHT CARVING

Carving On Your Own

May 12

Bring your own Scraps

Bruce Stake

April 19

Carving On Your Own

May 26, June 2



From Dave Murphy:

Bruce: She wants W-H-A-T?

Linda: Oh Boy! I'm getting a drunken sailor for my birthday.

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Thank you Bill Peoples
for a great program!

